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7.	Himachai Pradesh Rajasthan	Indo-German Changer Eco-development Project Rajasthan Forestry and Biodiversity Project	Govt, of Germany JBIC	1999-2000 to 2004-05 2003-04 to 2008-09	30 442.14

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JBIC - Japan Bank for International Cooperation
DFID - Department for International Development, U.K.

Powers to Gram Panchayats for conservation of forests

t544. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are contemplating to bring about a legal provision after reviewing the position of giving more powers to Gram Panchayats for conservation of forests and traditional rights of tribals living in the tribal areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of action taken/to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) In so far as the Ministry of Environment and Forests is concerned, there is no move to bring about a legal provision for giving powers to Gram Panchayats for conservation of forests or for assigning rights to tribals therein.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Declaration of Indira Gandhi National Park as Tiger Reserve

545. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Tamil Nadu has demanded to declare the Indira Gandhi National Park and Sanctuary in the Annamalai range in Pollachi as Tiger Reserve;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi,

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard;

(c) whether Government are also considering to declare other national parks as Tiger Reserves in many other places across the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) Based on proposals received from the States, in principle approval was accorded by the steering Committee of Project Tiger for inclusion of Anamalai Parambikulam Wildlife Sanctuaries, falling in Tamil Nadu and Kerala, under Project Tiger. Necessary action has been taken for including the same in the Expenditure Finance Committee memo of Project Tiger.

(c) and (d) The Steering Committee of Project Tiger has also accorded its approval in principle for including the following areas under Project Tiger:

(i) Udanti and Sita Nadi Wild life Sanctuaries (Chhattisgarh)

(ii) Satkosia Wildlife Sanctuary (Orissa)

(iii) Kaziranga National Park (Assam)

(iv) Achanakmar Wildlife Sanctuary (Chhattisgarh)

(v) Dandeli-Anshi Sanctuary (Karnataka)

(vi) Sanjay National Park and Sanjay Dubri Wildlife Sanctuary (MP)

(vii) Mudumalai Sanctuary (Tamil Nadu)

Bandipur Tiger Reserve

546. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Karnataka has sought financial assistance from the Central Government in respect of Bandipur Tiger Reserve; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard and Government's reaction thereto?